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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY BY AMB. THAJEB

1. IN COURSE APRIL 9 FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY,
DEPARTING AMBASSADOR THAJEB MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A) GOI TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. DURING FAREWELL CALLS THAJEB
WAS ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT 'PERSONS WHO CANNOT LEAVE
INDONESIA'. THIS BAN ON FOREIGN TRAVEL IS PART OF INVESTI-
GATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL INTO CAUSES OF JANUARY RIOTS.
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S., SOEDJATMOKO, NOT RPT NOT DETAINED
AND THAJEB HOPEFUL BAN ON HIS TRAVEL OUTSIDE INDONESIA WILL
BE LIFTED BY END APRIL.

B. SOVIET PRESSURE. ACCORDING THAJEB, 'PRESSURES FROM
SOVIETS TREMENDOUS'. SOVIETS SEEKING INFLUENCE VIA
EDUCATION AND CULTURE ROUTE. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER INSISTED ON SEEING THAJEB DURING RECENT VISIT,
PRESSED THAJEB VERY HARD ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES. SOVIETS

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WANT MORE INDONESIAN STUDENTS TO STUDY IN USSR AND ARE

ALREADY ACTIVE IN DISTRIBUTION FREE TECHNICAL BOOKS IN
INDONESIAN LANGUAGE. THESE ARE 'GOOD BOOKS AND VERY, VERY
CHEAP'. THAJEB COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN THROUGH 'ALL OF
THAT' IN 1965, AND HE HAS WARNED MALIK ABOUT SOVIET
MANEUVERS. HH ADDED THAT HE IS MEMBER NEW GOI 'POLITICAL
COUNCIL" AND WILL USE HIS POSITION THERE TO HELP GUARD
AGAINST SOVIET SUBVERSION.

C) CHINESE PROBLEM. ASKED ABOUT CHINESE ACTIVITIES,
THAJEB SAID CHINESE LESS ACTIVE THAN SOVIETS BECAUSE THEY
WANT TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER,
CHINESE ARE PERENNIAL THREAT AND GOI MUST KEEP ITS
CHINESE POPULATION UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY. 'MY FIRST ORDER'
WAS BAN ON SPECIAL CHINESE SCHOOLS. ACCORDING THAJEB, ALL
SCHOOLS MUST BE 60 PERCENT INDONESIAN AND TEACHING STAFF
CANNOT BE EXCLUSIVELY CHINESE. 'CHINESE TEACHERS ARE
BEING DISPERSED.' THAJEB ALSO OBSERVED THAT GOI NOT YET
PREPARED ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC, EVEN
THOUGH MALAYSIA ABOUT TO DO SO. THAJEB SAID INDONESIA
MAY OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC 'NEXT YEAR', ALSO
MAY BE LAST IN ASEAN TO DO SO.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY STRESSED CONTINUOUS U.S. INTEREST IN
INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. HE NOTED OUR DIFFICULTIES
WITH CONGRESSIONAL CUTS II AID, SAID WE HAVE 'STRONG FEEL-
ING OF FRIENDSHIP' FOR INDONESIA AS 'VERY IMPORTANT
COUNTRY'. COMMENTING ON RECENT INDONESIAN PROGRESS,
PARTICULARLY IN BALANCE PAYMENTS, DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID
U.S. HOPES TO CONTINUE COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH GOI THROUGH
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND EXIM.

3. FYI: AMBASSADOR THAJEB ALSO RECEIVED BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT APRIL 9. KISSINGER

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